

Rice House  
SM-687  
23119 Three Notch Road (MD 235)  
California vicinity  
Circa 1948  
Private

The Rice House was most likely built *circa* 1948 following the establishment of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS) earlier in the decade. Prior to the formation of NAS, the county's economy was primarily based upon agriculture (tobacco) and fishing, and very little modern development was evident in this portion of the state. In 1940, the population of the Bay district was 1,287; by 1950 it had increased nearly five-fold to 10,575. With this tremendous influx of workers in so short a period, residences were constructed near the base, and later spread to outlying areas along Three Notch Road (MD 235); intense modern commercial development has occurred within the past decade, further transforming the landscape.

This 1-story gable-roof stucco-covered house is a common example of the type of dwelling that was constructed during the mid-twentieth century. Houses built during this time typically consisted of 1 or 1.5-story frame or brick dwellings in Cape Cod, bungalow and ranch styles. They commonly had gable roofs (both front and side facing), multi-pane double-hung sash and tripartite picture windows, and minimal decorative details such as brick window sills, shutters and sometimes simple moldings or pilasters at the main entry. Variations on the basic type included concrete block construction (sometimes stucco covered) and a hipped roof. These house types, which feature similar massing, shape and materials, were built in large numbers following World War II.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-687

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Rice House

### 2. Location

street & number 23119 Three Notch Road (MD 235) not for publication

city, town California X vicinity

county St. Mary's

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frank R. Rice

street & number 17884 Three Notch Road telephone

city, town California state and zip code MD 20619

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 34-438

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio MRB027/269

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	2 0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0 0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0 0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0 0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	2 0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				0

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The residence at 23119 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located approximately 60 feet west of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a one-story frame shed is situated west of the dwelling. A semi-circular gravel driveway is located on the east side of the property.

The 1-story rectangular building covered in stucco has an asphalt shingle gable roof with a central brick chimney in the west slope. The house originally was ell shaped and the southeast corner has been filled in. Most of the windows throughout the house consist of six-over-six double-hung sash and all have brick sills. The windows in the gable ends of the north and south elevations consist of six-light upper sash and louvered bottom sash.

The east or main, elevation consists of three bays: a central entry flanked on each side by a tripartite picture window with central fixed sash and six-over-six double-hung sash (one of these picture windows is proected by the porch in the southeast corner). The east elevation of the porch contains three single three-light fixed sash. The south elevation contains a single three-light fixed sash window in the east end, a six-over-six double-hung sash in the central bay, and a door with gable-roof entry porch in the west end. The west elevation consists of four bays: a set of paired six-over-six double-hung sash in the south end and three single six-over-six windows. The north elevation includes three six-over-six double-hung sash.

The one-story frame shed-roof shed is clad in board-and-batten siding, asphalt brick siding, and plywood siding. Two small shed-roof additions are appended to the south side of the building. The east elevation contains three doors; the north elevation includes a one-light window in the east end and a door in the west end; the west elevation contains a pair of six-over-six double-hung sash flanked on either side by a door; and the south elevation includes a door and a fixed sash window.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	

<input type="checkbox"/> health/ medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
<input type="checkbox"/> military	

**Specific dates** Circa 1948

**Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. Despite minor alterations, the dwelling appears to retain integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, NR program	Date

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

#### Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.  
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 21,257 sq. ft.  
Acreage surveyed 21,257 sq. ft.  
Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 438, Map 34, Grid 17

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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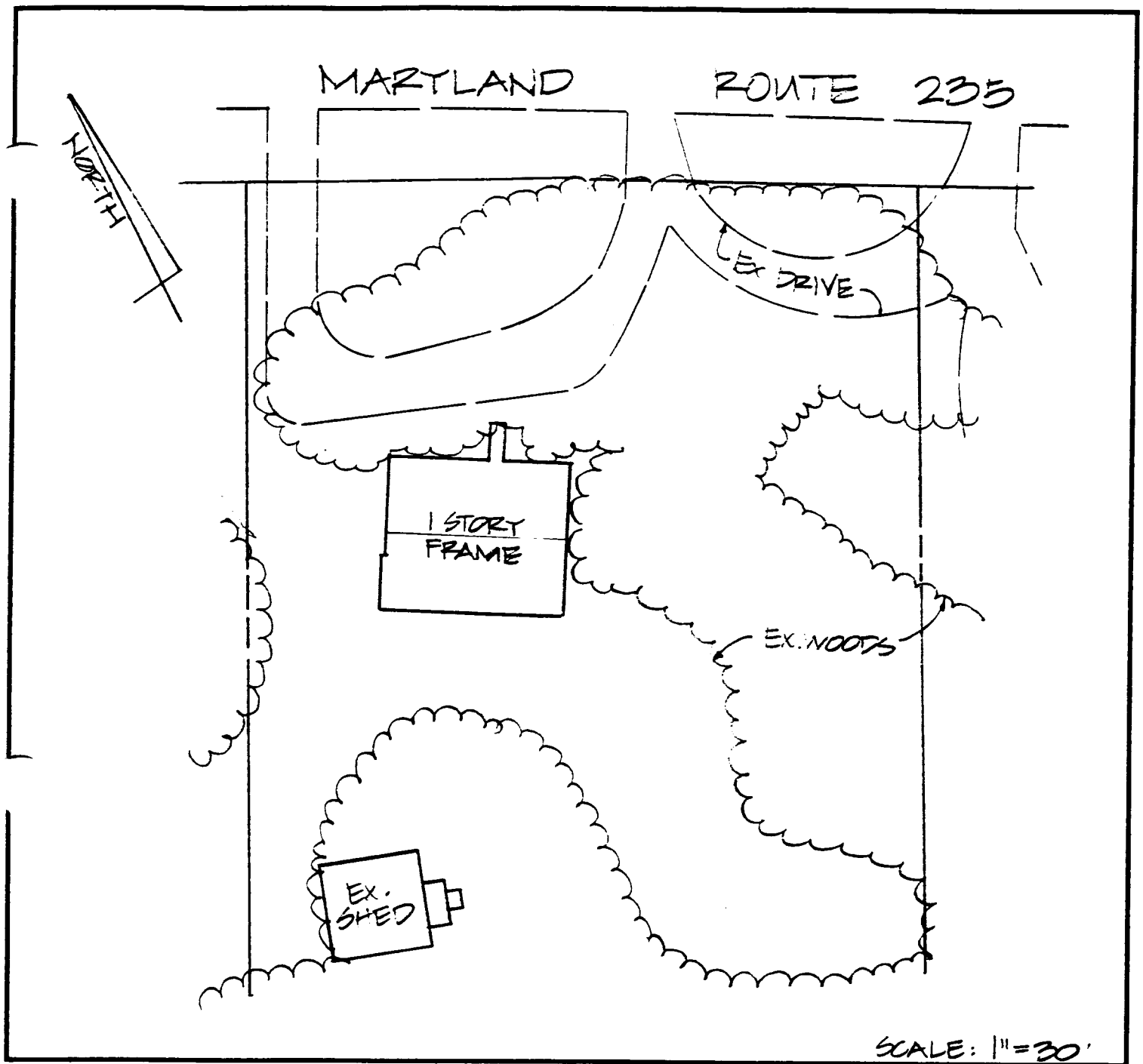
name/title	Margaret B. Parker		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	7-21-98
street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7857
city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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 Rice House, 23119 Three Notch Road  
 California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.  
 Resource Sketch Map

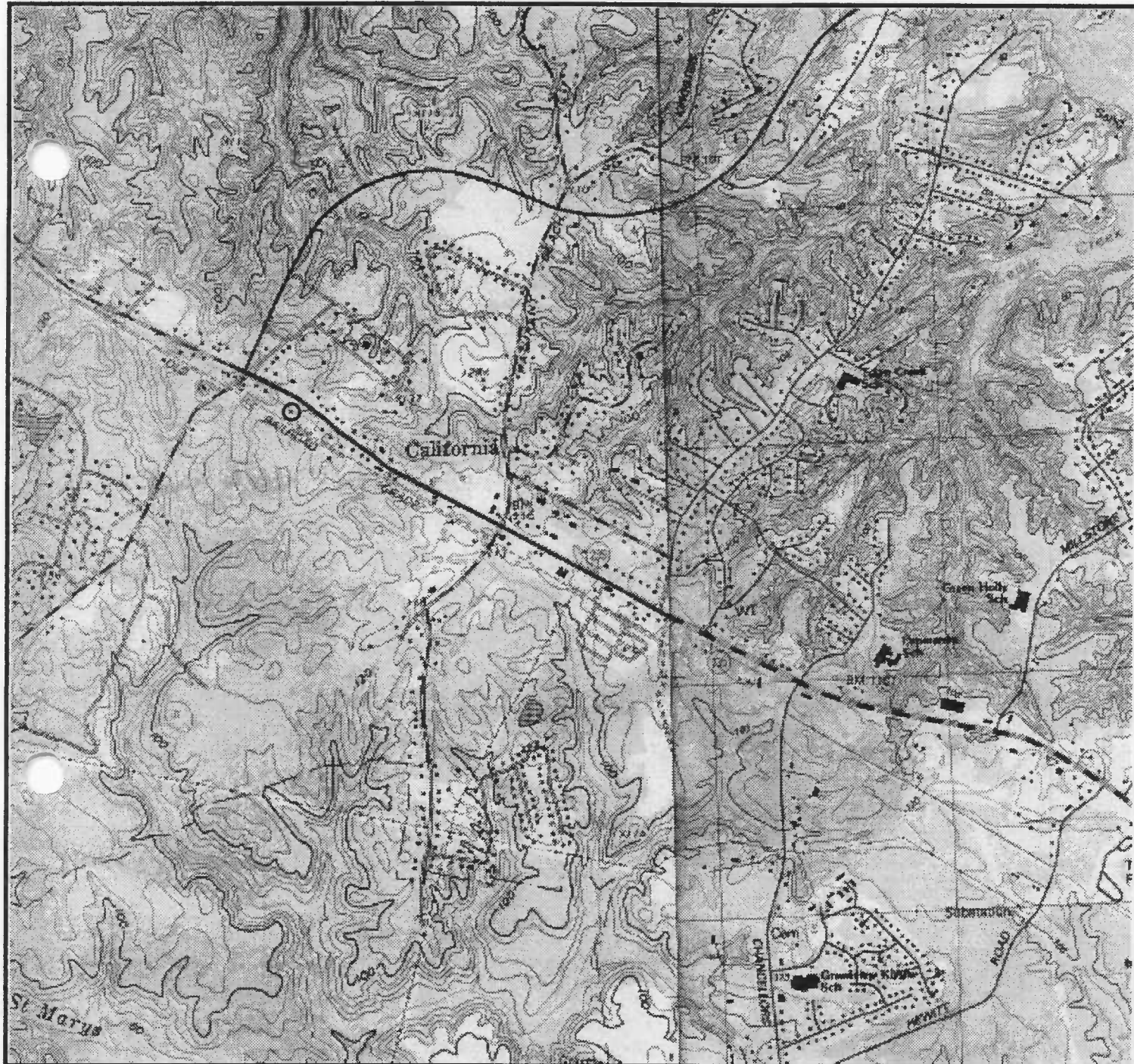


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Rice House, 23119 Three Notch Road  
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.  
Hollywood, MD USGS Quad  
1963 (Rev. 1984); Solomons Is., MD 1987



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Scale: 1"=2,000'



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St Marys Co

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MS SHPO

E + N elev. looking SW

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MD SUPD

W + N elev. looking SE

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MS SHPO

W + S elev. Looking NE

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MD SHPO

W + N elev of shed looking SE

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NID SHPO

SE elev. of shed looking NW

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